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FOR: METHODS OF PREPARATION OF LIVE ATTENUATED  
BACTERIAL VACCINES BY ALTERATION OF DNA ADENINE  
METHYLASE (DAM) ACTIVITY IN THOSE BACTERIA

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Responsive to the Notification of Defective Response dated September 13, 2006, entry of the  
following amendments is respectfully requested.